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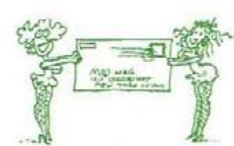
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TWO SONGS DON'T MAKE A RIGHT

To the tune of "Thumbelina" from the hit movie *Hans Christian Andersen*

*Fundalini, Fundalini, tiny little thing.
Fundalini dance, Fundalini sing.
Fundalini, what's the difference if
you're very small?
You're better than the rest of the maga-
zine put together!*

Craig Erb, Santa Clara, CA

Erb Your Enthusiasm — We were so impressed with your song parody that we passed it on to MAD's resident Poet Laureate, Frank "Lambic Pentameter" Jacobs. He wanted nothing to do with it. Fortunately though, we were in a poetic state of mind:

*There once was a jerk-ass named Erb
Whose poetry was most absurd
He sucks at the rhyme
And wasted our time
His poetry stinks like a turd!*
—Ed.



DEFACED CARDS

What jokers, what cards you guys are at MAD! Making a cover and numerous references to the celebrity poker phenomenon (issue #452). You think you are such kings of comedy! I think you all need to go straight to your rooms! Your faces are probably all flushed with embarrassment. The jacks (and jills) who thought up this concept should be clubbed! You have a full house of guys who wrote this drivel with heartfelt glee! Tell them to pare their work and come up with something that is really aces!

John Steinhardt, Cedar Park, TX

Beer Stein — After reading your display of devilish wit, we've deduced you're not playing with a full deck. You strike us as more of a solitaire man — you follow? —Ed.

SAVING PRIVATE PETROS

As I finish reading the April, 2005 issue of MAD, it comes to mind that I may be one of your longest time readers. I'm 71 now, but back in June, 1953 when I was 19 years old and in the Ft. Ord Army Hospital near Monterey, CA during the Korean War, I encountered MAD for the first time. Let me just say that I wasn't feeling the greatest at the time, but when I picked up a couple of issues that one of the other fellows had, I began to laugh (and feel better) and I haven't stopped laughing yet!

John Petros, Burbank, CA

Pet Peeve — We've got good news and bad news, Johnny. The good news is, you may be one of our oldest readers after all! The bad news is, as a former soldier, you're still eligible for active duty under President Bush's "backdoor draft." So pack your footlocker, grunt! We'll see ya at the Fort Bragg barracks at 0-500! —Ed.

A KOURNIKOPIA OF CELEBRITY SNAPS



Here I am, 4.968 inches away from Anna.



Here's Catherine, pleading with Anna to take a picture of her with MAD Magazine.



Here's my 11-year-old daughter Catherine Ho, with Anna Kournnikova's signature between the legs of Alfred.



Anna agreed, however, my younger daughter stuck her big head in, and partially blocked the magazine.

Hope you guys can give my daughter a three-year free subscription — she tried hard! Thanks!

Sonny Ho, Las Vegas, NV

Sonny D. — That's a great "story," but we think your meeting with the luscious Anna went a little something like this:

- 1: You met her, and after an awkward 10 minutes of conversation and marriage proposals, her manager (the blonde in the back) told Anna's bodyguard (the big dude in the back) that you needed some encouragement to move on.
 - 2: Her bodyguard shot you a menacing look and you ran directly into a team of approaching mall security guards. Anna is waving "thank you" as they repeatedly kick you in the kidneys while you lie on the floor in the fetal position.
 - 3: Here, your daughters try to explain that their father is a good and decent man who just has some "issues."
 - 4: Finally, Anna, charmed by their sheer cuteness, agrees to pose with the MAD. You, on the other hand, spend the night in the mall's holding cell.
- Thanks for sending the photos — a subscription is on its way to your daughter. A special thanks to Anna for not pressing charges! —Ed.



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ALFRED LOOK-A-LIKE

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I took off my helmet for this photo. My dad went nuts!

Now he won't talk to my mom and is demanding

a paternity test. Could you guys please send

me some of Alfred E.'s body fluids so I can get this thing resolved? If not, how about a year's free subscription to MAD just to get me through this rough stretch?

Griffin Chure, Jensen, UT

Chure Thing — We have some bad news for you. We can't give away a free subscription or send the bodily fluids of Alfred. The "good" news is that MAD "writer" Arie Kaplan is completely game for sending his bodily fluids. In fact, as we spoke to him, he was kicking back with a Big Gulp of Mello Yello! Look for some certified mail coming your way (it may arrive in a few installments!) We hope that some "liquid Kaplan" gets you through this rough stretch! —Ed.



A KICK IN THE CAREER

Howdy! This is your pal William from back in the day. I'm fine, thank you. I heard through the grapevine that you desperately wanted to give me scholarship money so I could go to college and become a brilliant kindergarten teacher. If the rumors are true, please contact me! You are ever so kind!

William Reed, Oak Forest, IL

Read It and Weep — We here at MAD have always believed that children are our future. Which is why after reading your letter and seeing the picture you enclosed, we want to keep you way the hell away from them! So

we're going to go one better than the scholarship you requested. We are going to start the first ever MAD Pledge Drive! Unfortunately, we cannot accept actual money from our readers (not after John Caldwell's disastrous timeshare scam). But, we can take readers' "pledges" for how much they would pay to steer William away from impressionable young minds! And we also want your suggestions for a more fitting career for William. For your convenience, we've printed up this handy pledge form. Fill it out and send it to Amy "The Big Pledger" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. It's up to you, dear readers, to save the future of America — we'll run the results in an upcoming issue! —Ed.



A young William Reed (r.) — enough said!

Yes, I'm committed to keeping William Reed out of the classroom! Please accept my Imaginary pledge for the amount of \$_____. Please urge him to follow the career path that I've checked below:

- ☐ Freelance Rodeo clown
- ☐ Porta-Potty Bathroom Attendant
- ☐ Over-The-Counter Drug Mule
- ☐ Director-Publishing Operations and Planning, DC Comics
- ☐ Human Sneeze-guard
- ☐ Understudy to *American Idol*'s Ryan Seacrest
- ☐ Other, Please Specify _____

READER ALERT

In a sad and transparent attempt to double our profits, we urge all of our readers to rush out and buy both these *Batman* collector's covers! On Sale Now!



READER ALERT

We love when readers send in their letters and pictures because it takes up space that would otherwise be filled by that hack Caldwell! So beginning with this issue, we are rewarding those kind readers with phenomenal giveaways! Just refer to this handy clip-and-save chart to see what you could win!

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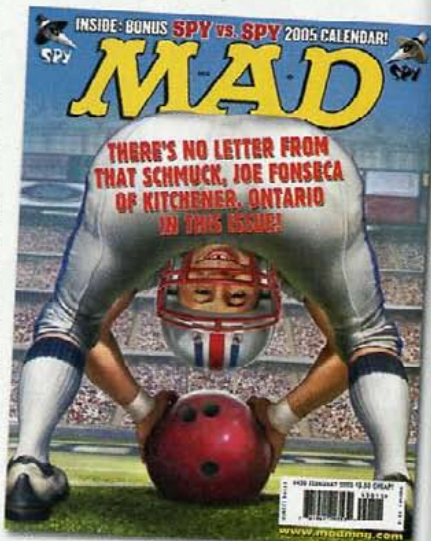
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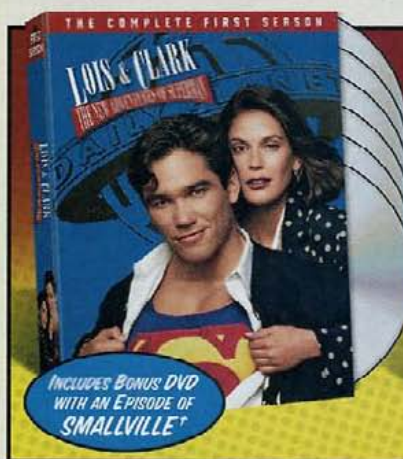
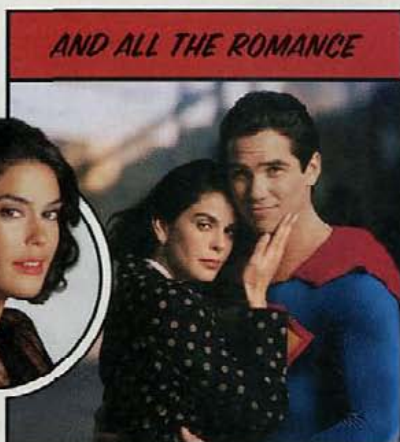
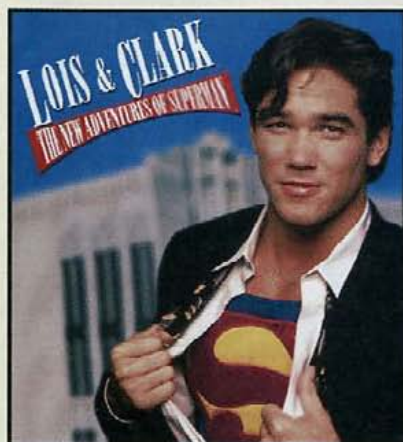
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Joe Fonseca, Ontario, Canada

Fonsie — To answer your question, we don't sell more issues when we have more words on the cover, just the *right* words. For example, we did a test run of an alternate version of MAD #450 and the sales were through the roof! —Ed.



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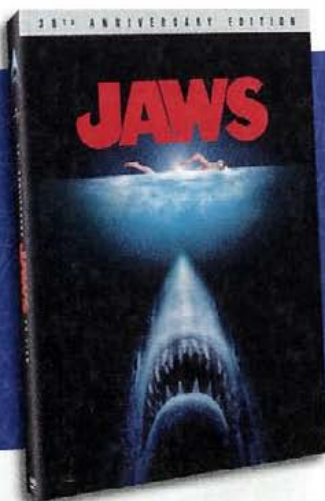
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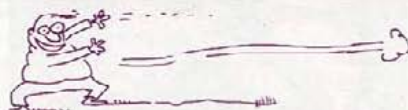
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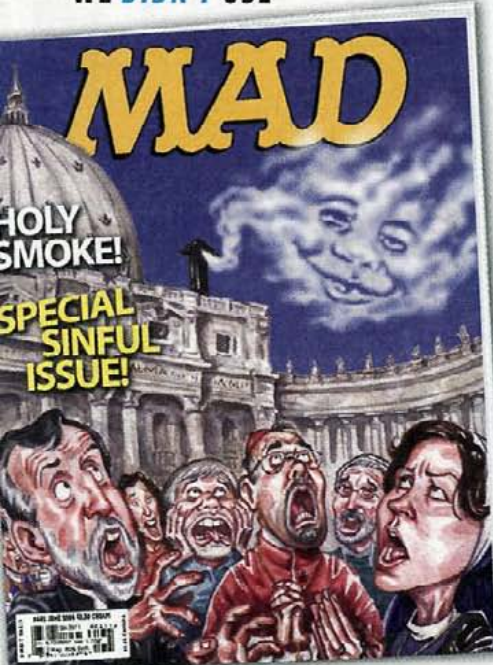
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- 4 Taking a tip from the airlines, free meals will no longer be provided, but astronauts will be able to purchase them from vending machines aboard the space shuttle.
- 5 The space shuttle's fireproof tiles will be replaced with far less expensive fabric they use to make oven mitts.
- 6 Mark Burnett will be sold exclusive rights for *Survivor* 2040 — Moon Adventure.
- 7 For space walks — high tech suits: out, Old Navy Performance Fleece: in.
- 8 The Kennedy Space Center's valuable seaside property in Florida will be sold for a huge profit. Future shuttle missions will now launch from an abandoned lot in East St. Louis.
- 9 The space shuttle will now tow ad banners, like those planes at the beach.
- 10 Since no one seems to pay much attention to space flights anyway, the shuttle will only fly high enough so no one can see it. NASA officials will simply make up where it went and what it did.
- 11 NASA will quietly begin using astronauts as intergalactic drug mules.
- 12 The number one mission for all of NASA is now: find intelligent life on other planets and rob them blind.



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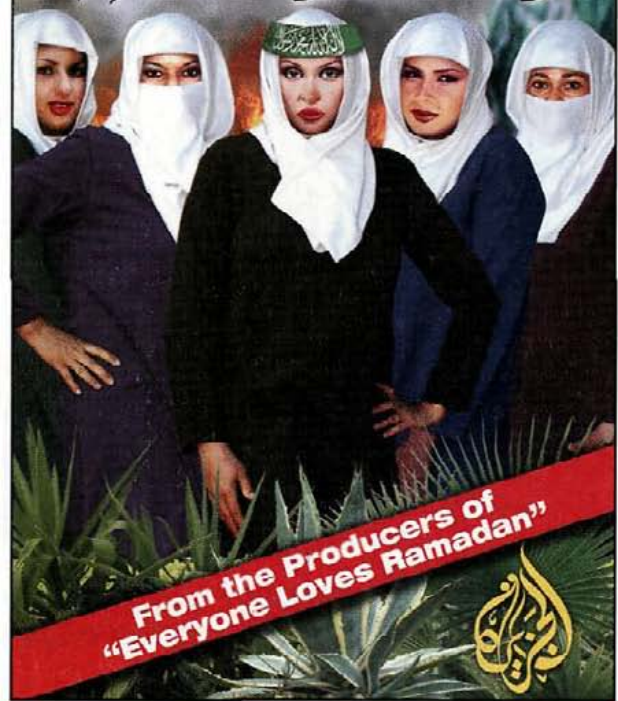


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UPDATED PARENTAL WARNINGS



OLD WARNING:
"Make sure you have on clean underwear — you never know if you'll be in an accident!"

UPDATED WARNING:
"Make sure you have on clean underwear — you never know if you'll be in a random security check!"

OLD WARNING:
"Stop making that face or it'll get stuck that way!"

UPDATED WARNING:
"Stop making that face or you'll need an extreme makeover!"

OLD WARNING:
"Don't make me come in there!"

UPDATED WARNING:
"Don't make me send the nanny in there!"



FUNDALINI FOTO NEWS: CONGRESS GETS PUMPED UP ABOUT STEROIDS IN BASEBALL

If it pleases the committee, I've invited Roger Maris' family to watch me testify.



No! For the last time — I am not Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in drag!



Why would I take steroids? Everybody already knows I cheat by coking my bat!



I did not have sex with that woman — er, sorry, just got carried away in this political setting. I did not use steroids with that woman!



Meet me in stall three for another ass injection!



Please, Lord, I don't ask for much — just let this scandal blow over, and keep those revenue sharing dollars pouring in for my crappy Brewers franchise!



Yes, Representative Kucinich, it can enhance your performance and boost your endurance — but I thought I was here to talk about steroids, not Viagra!



I don't know if Palmeiro ever used BALCO's steroid cream, but he's definitely guilty of applying too much self-tanning lotion!

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Muscular Doughboy With Du-rag:
Victory symbol for winning the prison bake-off.

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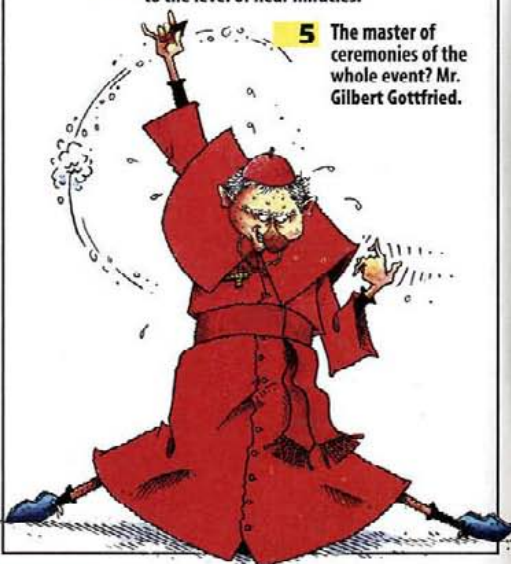
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LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS ABOUT THE RECENT CONCLAVE OF CARDINALS

- 1 The white smoke comes from a completely different bong than the black smoke.
- 2 For some unexplained reason, retired St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire was allowed to vote.
- 3 This marked the first gathering to allow "Air Guitar" in the talent portion of the Papal selection.
- 4 Card tricks were unanimously raised to the level of near miracles.
- 5 The master of ceremonies of the whole event? Mr. Gilbert Gottfried.



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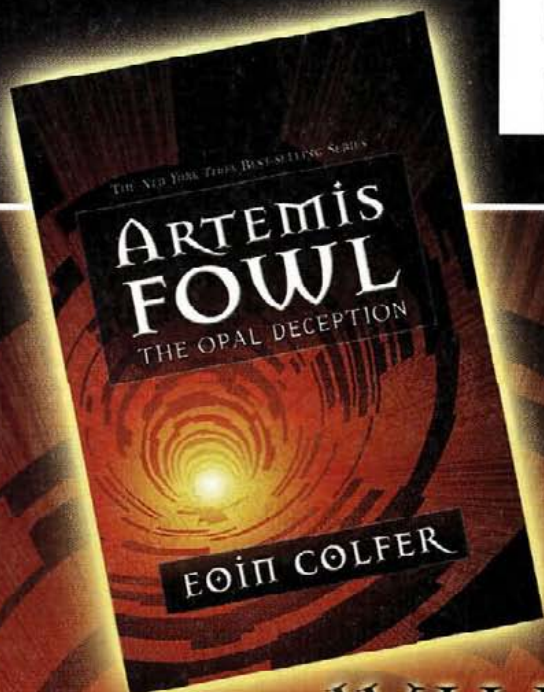


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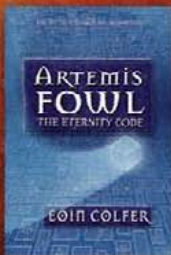
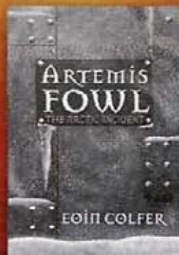
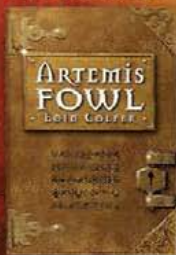
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Jingle bells, "Batman" smells, the franchise laid an egg. Sure, the Caped Crusader beat the Joker, Catwoman and the Riddler with ease, but he couldn't handle his greatest arch villain, Joel Schumacher, who guided the pointless Batman & Robin to its historic status as "Worst Superhero Movie Ever." (You can breathe easy, Ben Affleck!) But eight years after the last stinkeroo, we're being promised that THIS time, they've finally "done it right." And on just the fifth try? We say "holy hype machine!"

B A T M A N

I'm one of the richest men in the world. How rich? Just ask my chauffeur, Bill Gates! Even so, my humongous fortune can't make me happy. I'm a tormented, twisted soul. The only positive is that as a multi-bajillionaire, when I brood, I get to do it on board a solid-gold private jet, in chinchilla gym shorts, while I watch three supermodels check each other for thong rash!

By day, I run the largest financial conglomerate in the world! By night, I single-handedly fight the endless war on crime! From 5:40 in the afternoon to 5:50, I schedule some "me" time. My town, Gotham City, is a dying, rotting hellhole. Thugs and gangsters control every street. That's why I set up a secret hideout. My cave is the only safe place in town! So, I trained in the mountains. I hide in a cave. And I dispense my psychotic version of justice without mercy. If I didn't shower daily, I'd think my dual identity was Osama bin Laden!

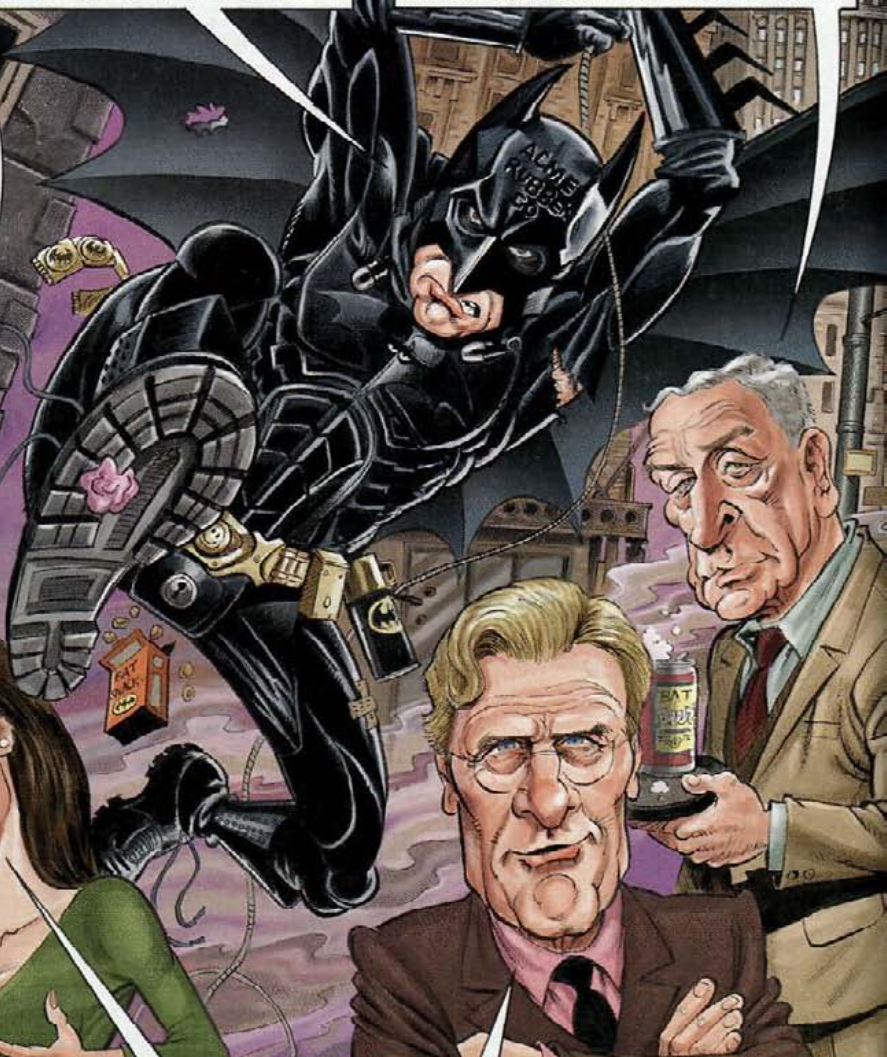
It's true that Master Bruce never got over the brutal murders of his parents. But what about me, Neuman the butler? The day after they died, my weekly checks stopped. I'm still waiting on 23 years' worth of back pay! At least the butler job's been a breeze. It's easy when your boss doesn't show up for eight years! I feel like the bass player in the new Guns N' Roses, waiting for Axl Rose! I spent all that time dusting the antiques, which I enjoy doing. What I hate is that I bought most of those items when they were brand-new and *not* antiques!



Bruce Whine hired me, Lupus Fox, to convert forgotten government surplus items and secret army projects into a snazzy Batty-arsenal. It figures! We've got 100,000 troops in Iraq duct-taping empty pizza boxes to their tanks for extra protection, and their super-vehicle goes to a guy who's already wearing a bulletproof costume!

They say you can't be a sexy, vibrant woman and still be an effective prosecutor. Ha! Do Exhibit A and Exhibit B please the court? I'm Radish Dawson, a hard-hitting district attorney. Bruce Whine was my childhood crush. Today, Bruce is a distant, self-absorbed, emotional wreck. But he's also super rich and his body's jacked. So we'll call it even!

You're looking at Dick Churl, and during the eight years Bruce Whine was missing, I ran his foundation. Before I took over his empire, I ran one of the big pharmaceutical companies. But they kicked me off the board for being a little too sleazy! The filmmakers have set me up as the classic uncultured greedhead who only cares about making a buck. Pretty ballsy, coming from the producers of *Catwoman*, *Rollerball* and *Scooby-Doo 2*!



A N, B E G O N E !

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WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

I'm Lt. Jim Boredom. They call me a "badge," a "peace officer," a "man in blue"! And since I don't take bribes like everyone else on the force, they call me a "putz"! It's tough being the only honest cop in a police department that now accepts PayPal! But I believe that if I follow the rules and stand firm for what's right, I can climb my way up through the bureaucracy and make a difference. Having a psychotic friend who dresses like a giant rubber mouse doesn't hurt my chances, either!

The shaved head, the funky mustache, the flowing robes...I *could* be a secondary World Wrestling Federation character from 1983, but instead I'm international superbaddie Razzle Drool! For the last thirty years of Battyman comic books, I've been an Arab villain. So naturally, they cast a Japanese guy for the role. That's because we're aiming for 2,500 screens on this puppy. And let's just say that the Japanese don't tend to get as...explosively upset!

I, Henri Retard, am not what I appear. In a way, I represent Bruce Whine's uncontrollable doppelganger, the darker face that reveals Man's eternal duality of spirit. Well, it sounds deep to me! And it'd sound impressive to you, too, if you'd spent the last 20 years practicing getting kicked in the head! I'm always on the lookout for nihilistic loners doing hard time in Bhutanese jail cells, so I can convince them to turn bad. Hey, I've never been much for challenges!



There's nothing audiences enjoy more than a mob boss with a seductive, larger-than-life personality. Unfortunately, it's another year until the next new *Sopranos* episodes! In the meantime, you'll have to make due with me, Carmine Calzone, and my one-note character. I've got the police force in my left pocket and I've got the judges in my right pocket. You figure out where I expect to put Battyman!

I'm Scarycrook, the second-ever Battyman movie villain to have a face made out of burlap. The first was Tommy Lee Jones. Fortunately for him, they covered it up with his Two-Face makeup! I get my power by feeding off the fear and panic of others. So I really get jazzed by Time Warner shareholders who remember how the last two Battyman movies did! I'm wearing this bag over my head to protect my career, in case this movie tanks!



Neuman! Neuman!
Bruce fell down a hole
into a cave! He's
surrounded by a
hundred flapping bats!

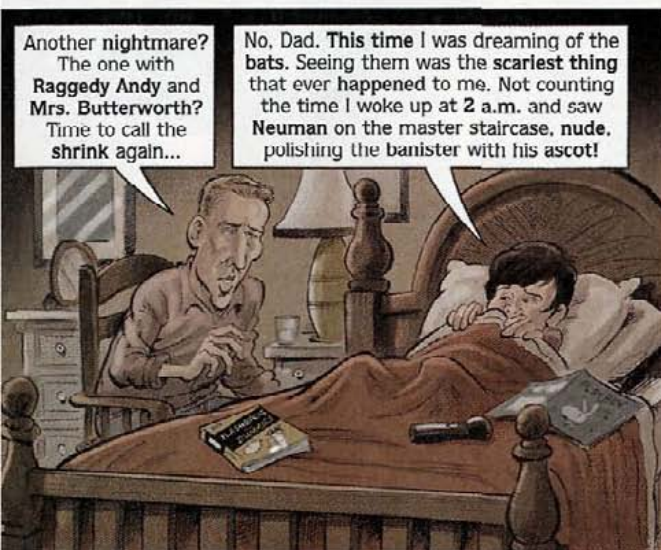
That's okay,
Radish.
Every boy
ought to
have pets!

A freshly scrubbed
7-year-old boy falling
from the sky...it's
Michael Jackson's
dream come true!



I'm here to convince you to sign
away your life by hiking up a
frozen Himalayan deathpath for
the privilege of getting your ass
kicked bloody by ninjas!

Thank God! For a
minute, I thought you
were one of those
wackos trying to sign
me up for Scientology!



Another nightmare?
The one with
Raggedy Andy and
Mrs. Butterworth?
Time to call the
shrink again...

No, Dad. This time I was dreaming of the
bats. Seeing them was the scariest thing
that ever happened to me. Not counting
the time I woke up at 2 a.m. and saw
Neuman on the master staircase, nude,
polishing the banister with his ascot!



For your training, you will
be savagely attacked by
eight men each Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Saturday.
Friday shall be your day of
rest. On Fridays, you'll only
be beaten by five men!

What about Sundays?

Sundays? Sunday
is *Extreme
Makeover: Home
Edition* night!

You sadistic bastard!



Bruce, the
time will come
when you will
inherit every-
thing I've
worked for.

When
will
that
be,
Dad?

**BANG!
BANG!**

In
just
about
five
seconds...
GAAAKK!!!



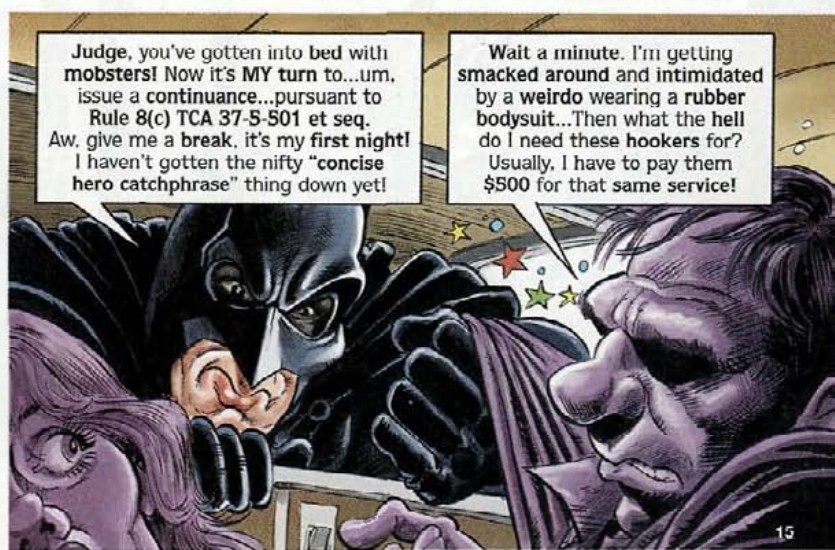
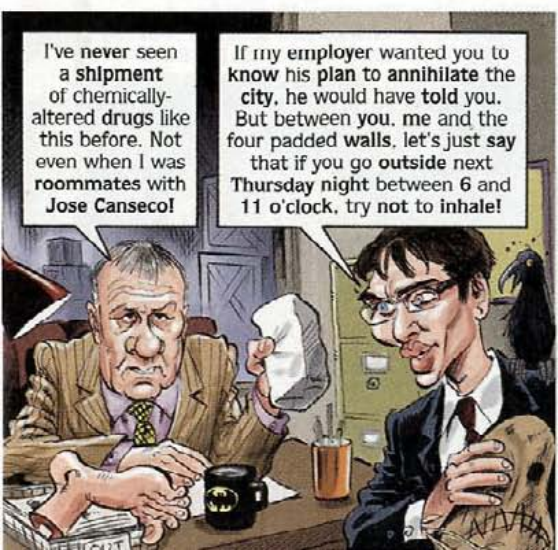
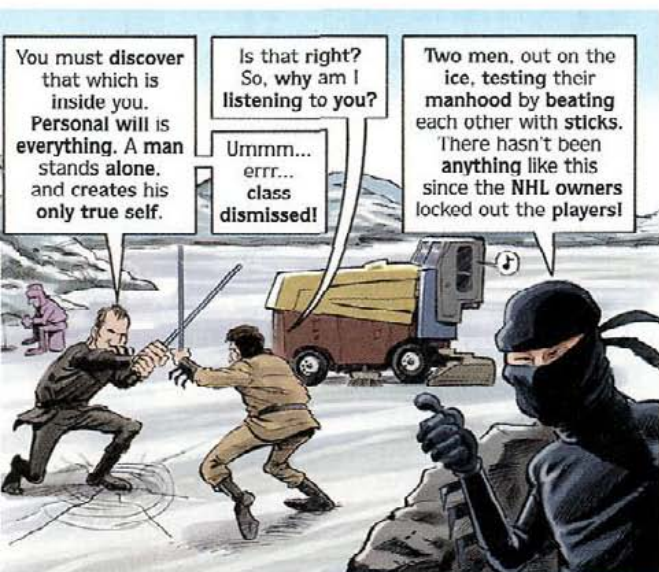
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thing about
a double
funeral
is that
it cuts
down on
expenses!

Should
I dip
my
finger
in the
holy
water?

Don't you dare say
"Holy" ANYTHING!
We're strictly doing
the grim, humorless
Battymen here, not
the campy
'60s TV version!

It's hard, Neuman, so
hard. It's especially
hard to convince
the audience that
getting ready to
become a teenaged
billionaire with no
parents is a *tragedy*!





Damn, not a single clue! Too bad nobody happened to notice one guy constructing a huge rooftop spotlight right next to a heavily-armed drug shipment site!

This note says it's called a Batty-signal. It's a virtually foolproof device! It can only be stopped by most weather conditions!



No use! The man's a gibbering, paranoid wackdoodle who can't hear a word anyone else is saying! Either transfer him to the mental asylum or get him his own radio show on *Air America*!



Do you know the smell of pure human fear? Well, you will!

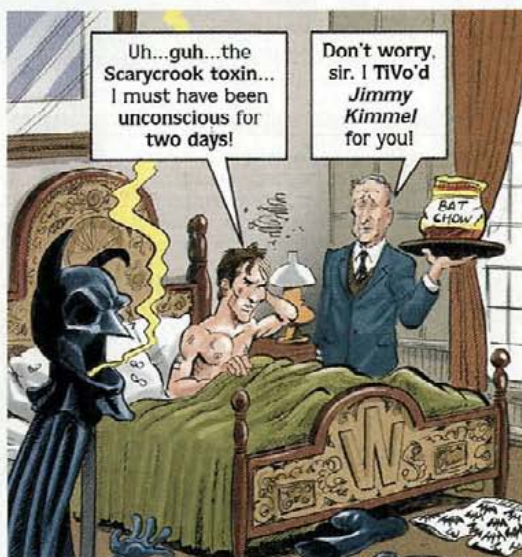
It can't be worse than what's brewing inside this rubber batsuit! Why oh WHY didn't I ventilate the inescam?

I'M JOEL SCHUMACHER!



Uh...guh...the Scarycrook toxin... I must have been unconscious for two days!

Don't worry, sir. I Tivo'd Jimmy Kimmel for you!



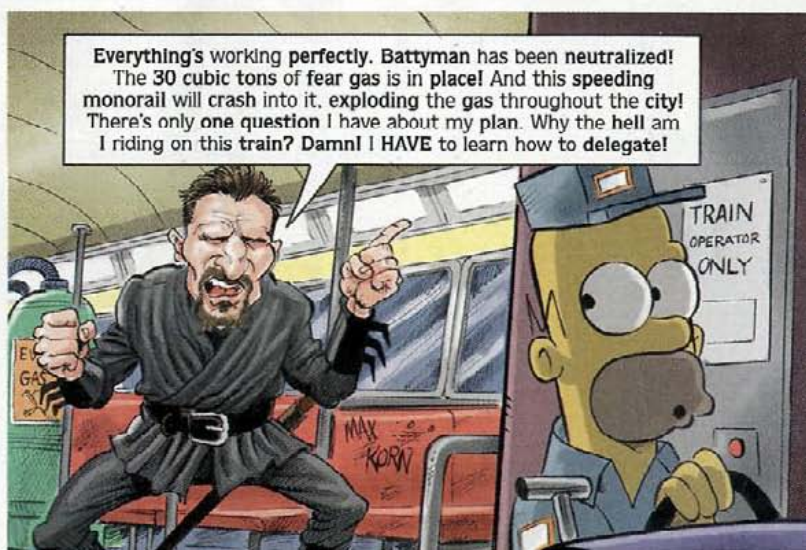
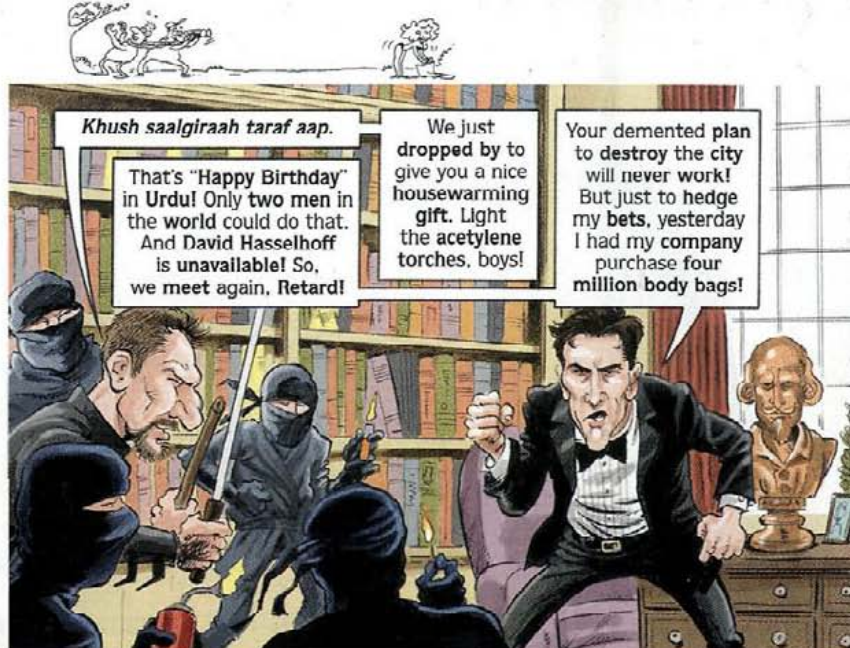
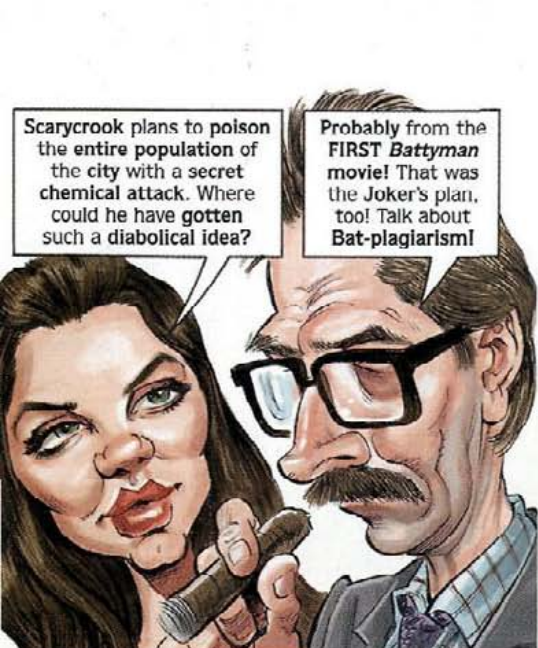
Radish, I must get you back to the Batty cave and give you the antidote to Scarycrook's toxin!

Okay, but can't you slow down? You just rammed Billy Joel off the road!



I like spending time with you, and only you. Everybody else in this movie has been honored by the Academy Awards — Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Tom Wilkinson, Ken Watanabe, Morgan Freeman — whereas *your* greatest triumph was somehow standing up to the acting chops of James Van Der Beek!





Yes, I'm Bruce Whine. But all those years ago, I think I truly became Battyman the day I plunged down that hole and found myself surrounded by bats!

Interesting transformation. Good thing you didn't fall into the septic tank!



Welcome aboard the Action Movie Monorail, making all expected stops. Hero finally overcomes his doubts and avenges his previous losses...check! Villain dies in such a way that he could conceivably be resurrected for a sequel...check! Plotline resolved with garish special effects explosion...check! Please remember to park your disbelief someplace else, and have a nice day!



You look beautiful. What is that bewitching scent?

It can't work between us. We come from two different worlds. You've dedicated yourself to battling criminals and trying to make Gotham City a decent place to live. And I'm doing the same, except I wear pointy rubber ears!

Smoldering asbestos! Now, what about us?



You've saved Gotham City! Of course, that's not counting the huge amount of wreckage your Batty-mobile caused, the monorail explosion, every lunatic criminal breaking loose from their cells, and Whine Manor burning to the ground. But now that we're allies, can't you tell me who you really are?

No one must ever know my secret identity, except my trusted butler. And my arch-enemy. And all of Razzle Dool's henchmen. And Lupus Fox. And his engineers. And my quasi-girlfriend, Radish. And about 25 cool people I met on Friendster!



Sir, your home and possessions are ruined. The fight to keep your company took all your investment capital!

And maintaining and replacing your Batty-equipment will cost millions!

No sweat, guys! I'll make all that money back! All those mouth-breathing, date-free geeks out there are what makes these stupid blockbusters possible! Look at all this Batty-crap I'm going to be selling them. Action figures, diecast models, denims, foil-embossed cards, toys, mugs. Batty-backpacks, Batty-bedding, Batty-bobbleheads, you name it! I didn't train with a brotherhood of thieves for nothing!



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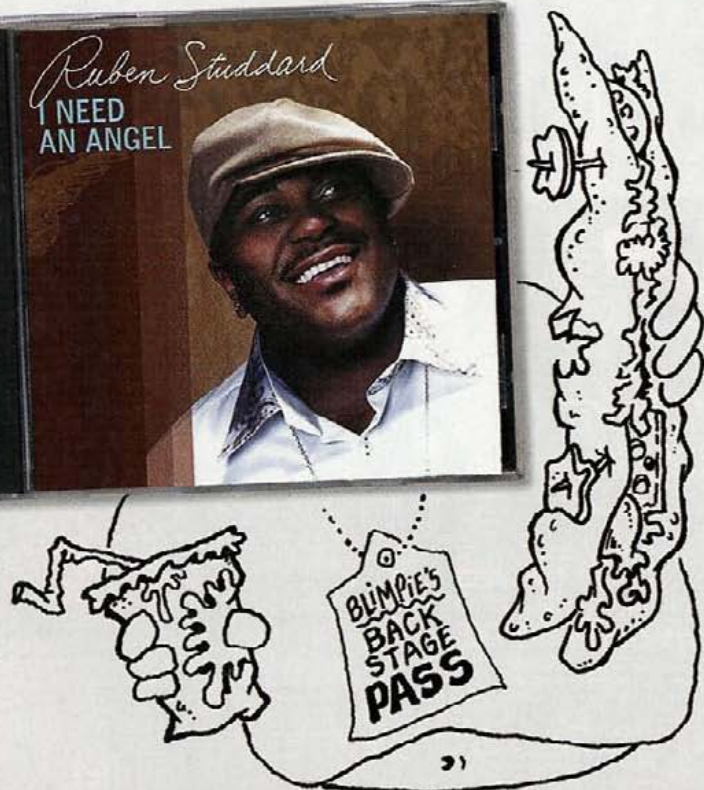
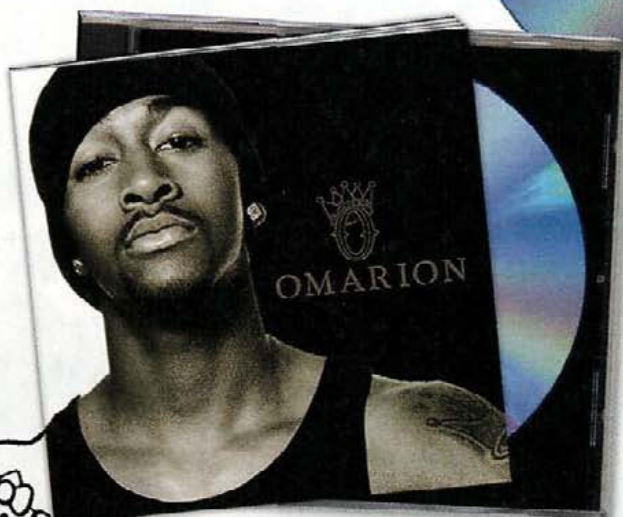


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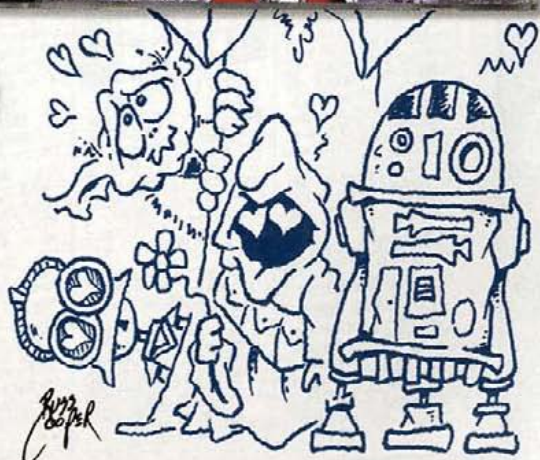
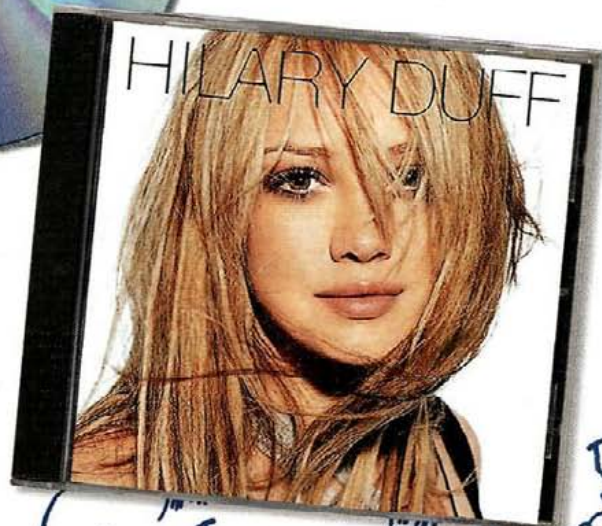
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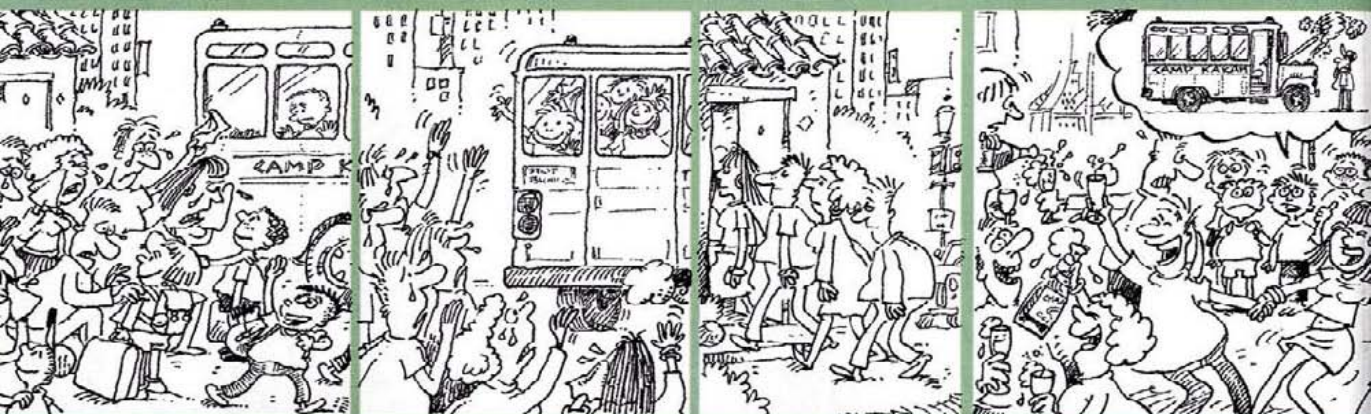
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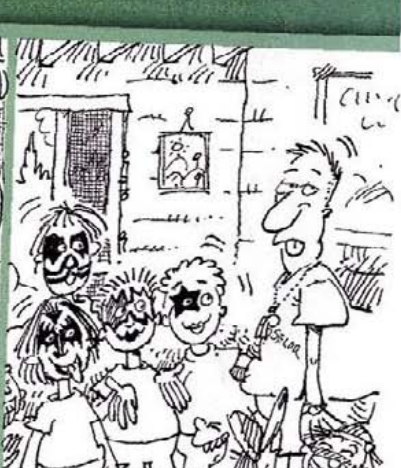
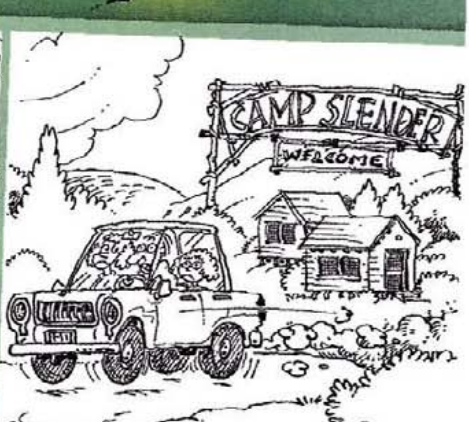
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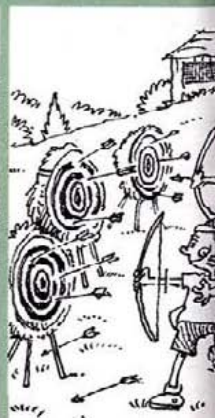
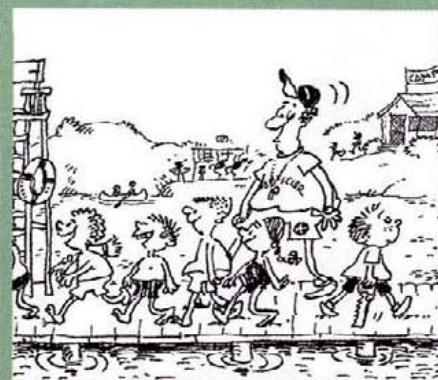
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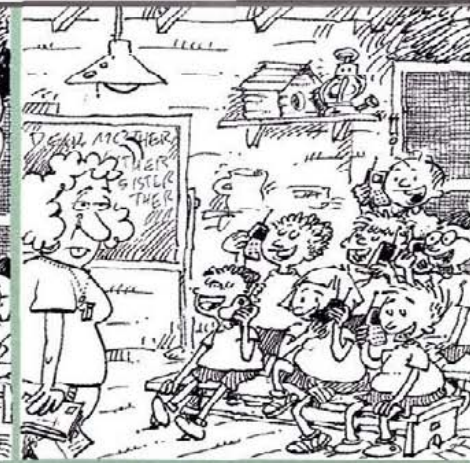
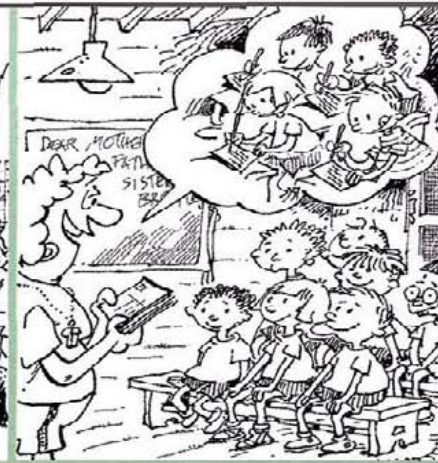


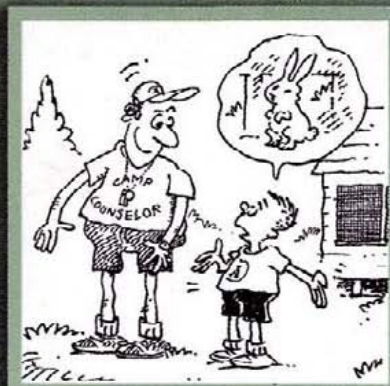
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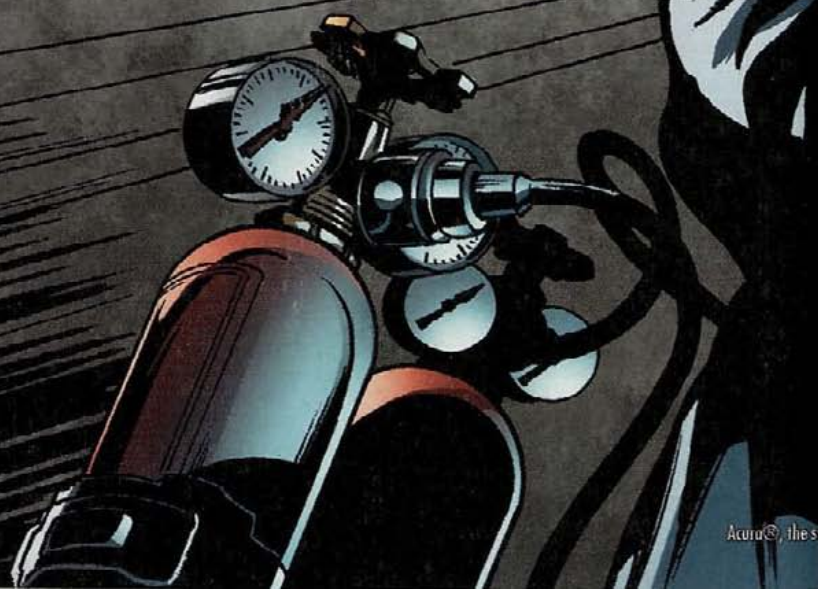
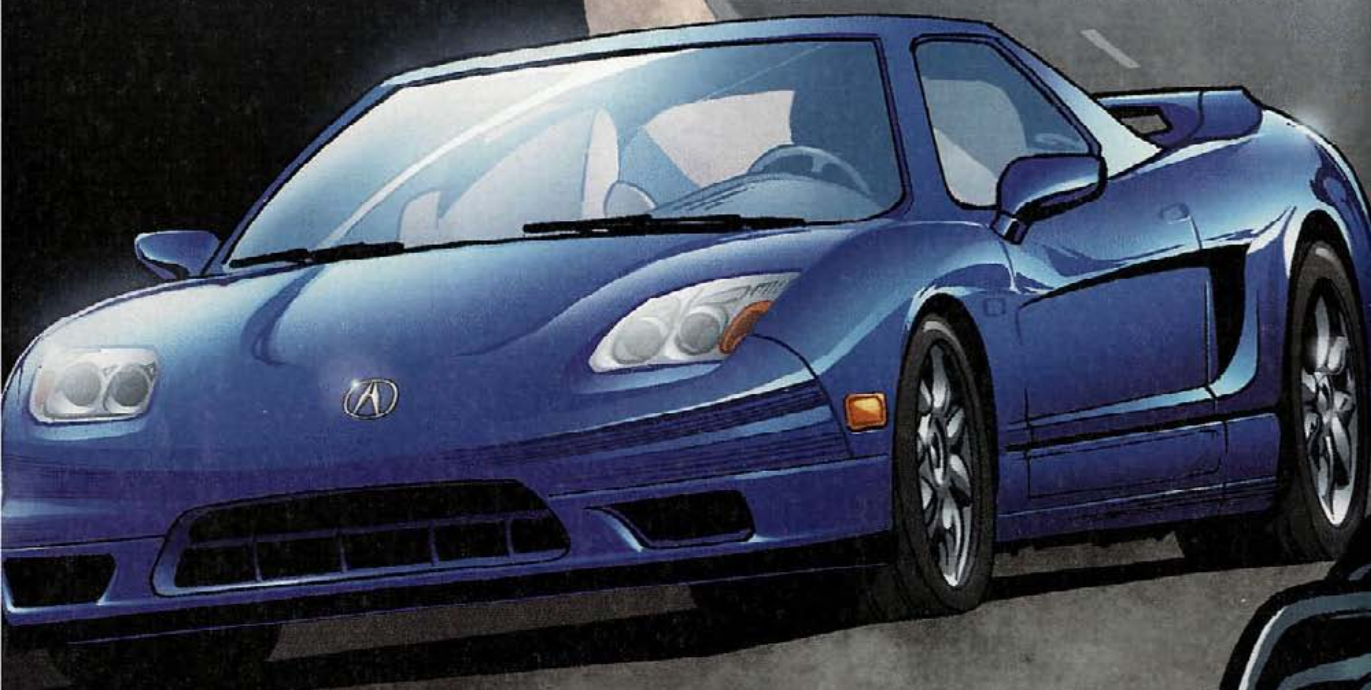
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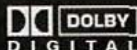
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THANK YOU, MR. BINEG. I'D LIKE TO BEGIN WITH A STUDENT WHO FEELS HE OR SHE IS THE MOST PSYCHOLOGICALLY **TWISTED**, THE MOST EMOTIONALLY **SCARRED**, THE MOST...

HEY, RIGHT HERE, PAL. YOU HAD ME AT "WHO."

COME RIGHT IN, SON. MAYBE YOU WANT TO RELAX ON THE COUCH.

COUGH? HOLD ON. YOU GOT SOME DOCTOR I.D. OR SOMETHING? I'VE BEEN **BURNED** BEFORE.



IS THAT RIGHT?

YEAH, LIKE THE TIME MY DAD TOOK ME TO HIS BUDDY FOR A "DISCOUNT ROOT CANAL."

HE'S BEEN YAMMERING ABOUT HIS SORE TOOTH, SO I FIGURE, CALL "DOC" FROM THE BAR.

PERFECTO. DID YOU BRING MY FEE?

HERE YOU GO. TWENTY BUCKS AND A FIFTH OF SCOTCH.

"DOC" IS JUST A NICKNAME, ISN'T IT?

WE'RE SPLITTING HAIRS. NOW LET'S GET TO **YANKING**.



YOUR FATHER SOUNDS LIKE A **MONSTER**. HAS HE EVER DONE ANYTHING GOOD FOR YOU?

LET'S SEE... WE WENT TO THE **SUPER BOWL** ONCE.

THE SECRET TO LONG BATHROOM LINES IS DRINK TOO MUCH BEER. **VOMITERS** GET TO PASS STRAIGHT TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE.

NO PROBLEM. MY SICK-UP WILL MAKE YOU SICK-UP! ISN'T FOOTBALL GREAT?

BUT I DIDN'T DRINK BEER.



WE GOT **TOGGED OUT** AND **MISSSED** THE END OF THE GAME.



TELL ME YOU HAVE OTHER ADULT MALE ROLE MODELS.

WELL, THERE'S GRANDPA. DOES THAT COUNT?



WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM LIKE?



HEY, I DIDN'T WANT TO COME TO **MEXICO** IN THE FIRST PLACE.

BULLPUCKY!



I DON'T LIKE SWALLOWING THESE **CONDOMS** FULL OF YOUR CHEAP PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE.

WELL, I'M FULL UP. BUT THERE'S ALWAYS THE OTHER ENTRANCE.



I'M SWALLOWING, I'M SWALLOWING.



CALM DOWN, MONTECORE. NOW GET ON STAGE.



OH MY GOD! HE'S GOT ROY!



THAT WHOLE THING ABOUT STUFF STAYING IN VEGAS IS BUNK. SHE WAS ON **ANTIBIOTICS** FOR A MONTH.



MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE A LITTLE BREAK. MY WRITING HAND IS ABOUT TO FALL OFF.



LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT. SOME **QUACK** IS DIGGING INTO YOUR NOODLE BOWL?

I DON'T KNOW ALL THE TECHNICAL TERMS, BUT YEAH.



HEY! TELL YOUR FANCY DOCTOR TO WRITE ME A PRESCRIPTION FOR SOME ANTI-PSYCHOTICS AND **CHERRY-FLAVORED STOOL SOFTENERS!**

FORGET IT, GRANDPA.



BUT **VETERANS DAY** IS COMING UP. I WANNA **PARTY**, JUNIOR!

UGGH! YOU GUYS ARE MAKING ME NUTS! I'M OUTTA HERE!

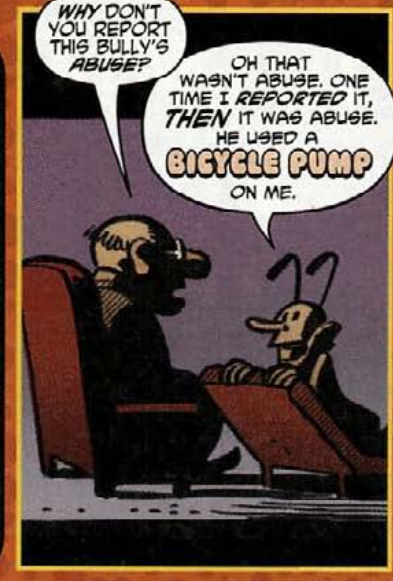


TELL ME ABOUT YOUR CLASSMATES.

WELL, THERE'S DYLAN. HE'S BEEN ON ME FOR A LONG TIME. EVEN WHEN WE WERE LITTLE.



THESE AREN'T THE RULES OF **KICK THE CAN**, DYLAN.



MOVING ON, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT YOUR FAMILY AND PEERS. TELL ME SOME OF THE THINGS YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED ON YOUR OWN.

OKAY, READY?

I'VE BEEN A CHEF - BUT THE **GREASE** IN THE FRYER GAVE ME **EXTREME ACNE**. NOBODY COULD KEEP THE FOOD DOWN.

I WAS A CAR MECHANIC - ALL I LEARNED TO FIX WAS THE RANK, CLOGGED **TOILET**. OH, AND I WAS ONCE A GENIUS - THAT ENDED QUICK.

ENDED?

ANYTHING GOOD DOESN'T LAST. I'VE BEEN A CHINESE EXCHANGE STUDENT. THEY KICKED ME OUT, SAID I **DEPRESSED** THE **SLAVE LABORERS**.

I WAS ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL DOWNLOADS AND DID TIME FOR JAYWALKING AT **Disneyland**...

MY HAND'S STARTING TO CRAMP AGAIN.

...I RAN FOR CLASS PRESIDENT...

WIN?

ARE YOU KIDDING? BUT I DID WIN **SURVIVOR JR.** I GOT A 2002 **AZTEC**.

A **PONTIAC AZTEC**? THE UGLIEST CAR IN AMERICAN HISTORY?

THAT'S THE ONE.

MONROE, I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO ALL THESE TERRIBLE EXPLOITS. CAN YOU TELL ME ONE POSITIVE THING ABOUT YOUR LIFE?

WELL, ONE THING I KNOW...

IT AIN'T GONNA LAST FOREVER!

THE FUTURE...

MONROE, YOU ARE NOW OFFICIALLY THE TOWN'S **OLDEST** PERSON. TO WHAT DO YOU ATTRIBUTE YOUR LONGEVITY?

I HAVE A HIGH TOLERANCE OF PAIN, HUMILIATION AND SUFFERING. I'M ALSO NAIVE ENOUGH TO BELIEVE TOMORROW CAN'T GET ANY WORSE. WHAT A SAP I'VE BEEN.

RIGHT. AND NOW THAT YOU'VE TURNED **ONE HUNDRED**, WOULD YOU LIKE ANYTHING SPECIAL FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY?

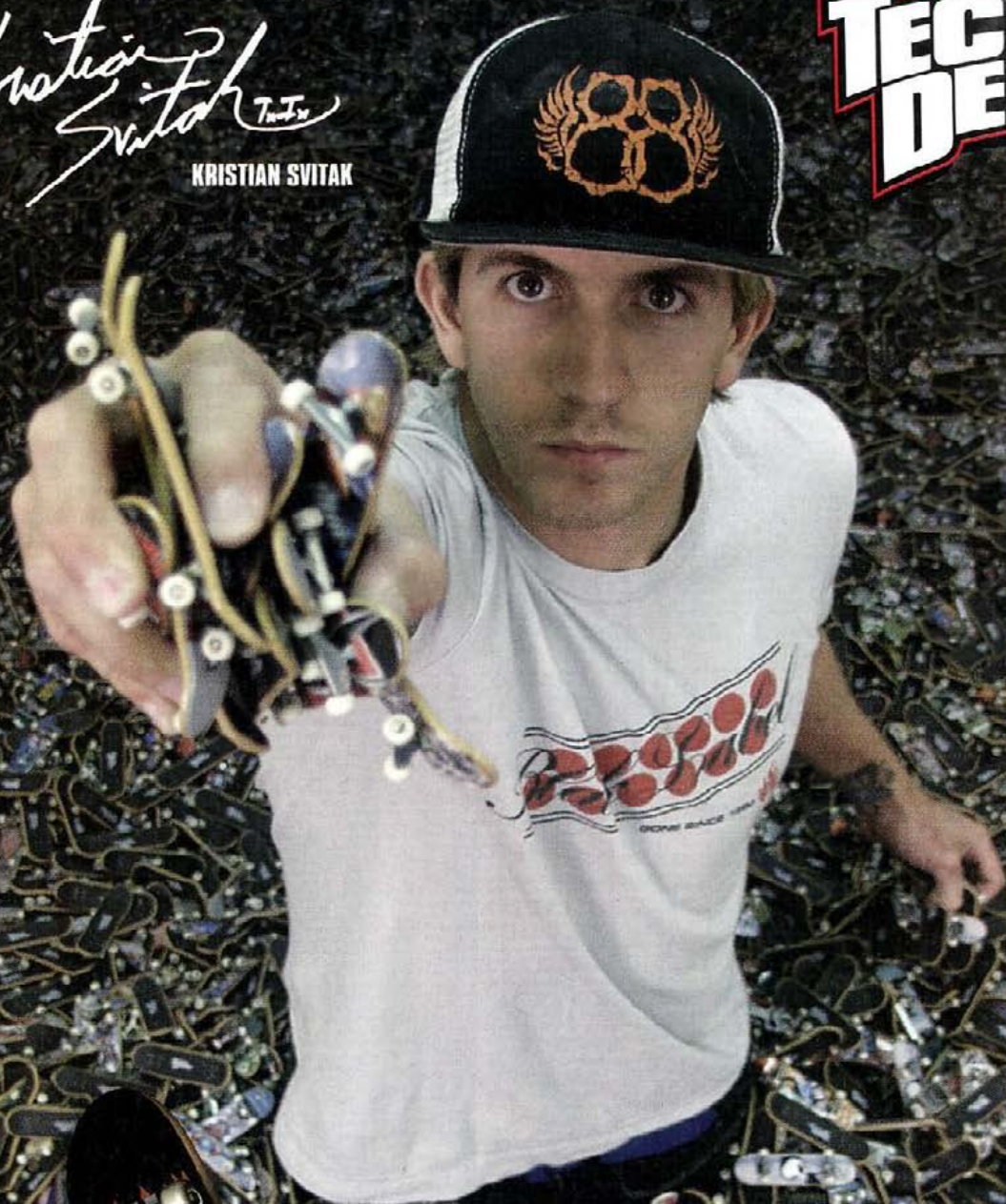
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FOR GOD'S SAKE, SOMEONE MAKE IT STOP -

- BUT I'D SETTLE FOR SOME **CHERRY-FLAVORED STOOL SOFTENERS**.

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In the entire 1,972-year history of the Catholic Church, there's never been an American Pope. (Granted, there wasn't an America for 1,742 of those years, but why quibble.) Our point is that astute Vatican observers such as ourselves weren't the least bit surprised when the Conclave of Cardinals once again passed over all the American candidates in favor of a German. Although this time, their voting was a lot closer than most people realize. Here's...

AME WHO JUST

REV. SERGIO BAMBUCA

CURRENT POSITION: Minister, Our Lady of Sanctimony, Knoxville, TN.

REASON FOR BEING PASSED OVER: His constant selling of ad space behind the altar to breweries and long distance carriers.

MOST HUMILIATING MOMENT: Lost a college football bet with another priest and had to perform a funeral wearing a Florida Gators mascot outfit.

SENSE OF HUMOR: Is a notorious joker who pioneered the whoopee pew, the dribble chalice and votive candles that can't be blown out.

LEGACY AS POPE WOULD HAVE BEEN: Reviving the concept of indulgences by selling forgiveness of sins on the Home Shopping Network.



Bambuca

MSGR. REGINALD WHINNOCK

CURRENT POSITION: Monsignor Emeritus, St. Beavis Parish, LaCrosse, WI.

REASON FOR BEING PASSED OVER: Constant use of the word "asswipe" in sermons.

NOTORIOUS PRACTICE: Lacing the sacramental wine with sodium pentothal so post-Mass confessors would be sure to tell the truth about their sins.

RIGHT POSITION, WRONG REASON: Denounced *The Da Vinci Code*, but only for having choppy dialogue and making too much use of foreshadowing.

LEGACY AS POPE WOULD HAVE BEEN: Taking Sundays off to golf.



BROTHER VIC VOLPONE

CURRENT POSITION: Head Deacon, Sts. Matthew, Mark, and John, but Not Luke Church, the Bronx, NY.

REASON FOR BEING PASSED OVER: His marketing idea to add a creamy caramel center to Communion hosts was frowned upon by superiors (though, in fairness, it did get children more interested in going to church).

DOVE CREDENTIALS: Strongly rebuked the war in Iraq, but admitted that some of those plundered museum artifacts would look pretty good in the Vatican.

PROGRESSIVE STANCE: Is in favor of women being ordained as priests (although he still thinks they should earn less than male priests).

LEGACY AS POPE WOULD HAVE BEEN: Allowing use of Popemobile on an episode of *Pimp My Ride*.

PASTOR LOTHAR ZAPATERIA

CURRENT POSITION: Traveling preacher-at-large, Prescott, AZ.

REASON FOR BEING PASSED OVER: Whenever he counsels married couples, it's always "Buddha said this" and "Buddha said that."

GLOBALISTIC OUTLOOK: Like John Paul II, is also multilingual. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be a demand for the Mass being celebrated in Klingon or Elvish.

INNOVATIVE IDEA: Including cheat codes for PlayStation 2 games in Papal Encyclicals.

LEGACY AS POPE WOULD HAVE BEEN: Using Swiss Guard to get back at high school bully.

AMERICANS MISSED BECOMING POPE



"FATHER ZEKE" MARROWSKY

CURRENT POSITION: Homeless street lunatic with "The End is Near" sign (self-ordained), Miami, FL.

REASON FOR BEING PASSED OVER: His highly contentious position on evolution (he believes that humans evolved from porcupines).

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE: Will lobby for the installation of karaoke machines in confessionals.

PLAN FOR MODERNIZING THE CHURCH: Lose the big pointy hat in favor of a cap reading "I'm only in it for the sacramental wine".

LEGACY AS POPE WOULD HAVE BEEN: Declaring Mel Gibson's birthday a holy day of obligation.



FATHER RUFUS CANOLA

CURRENT POSITION: Army Reserve chaplain, Ft. Cantina, AK.

REASON FOR BEING PASSED OVER: Still believes that priests should be unmarried and celibate, but sees nothing wrong with an occasional evening of speed dating.

SECRET SHAME: His favorite M*A*S*H character was Radar, not Father Mulcahy.

HEROIC DEED: Hid several Czech supermodels in the rectory basement during the Cold War.

LEGACY AS POPE WOULD HAVE BEEN: Ending the recent altar boy scandals by only having buff, ruggedly handsome men over 18 serve Mass.

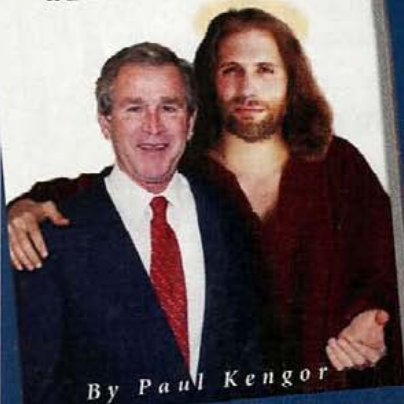


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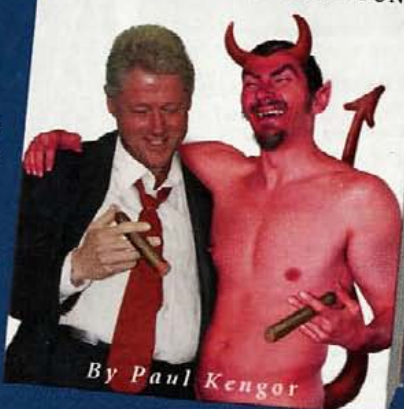
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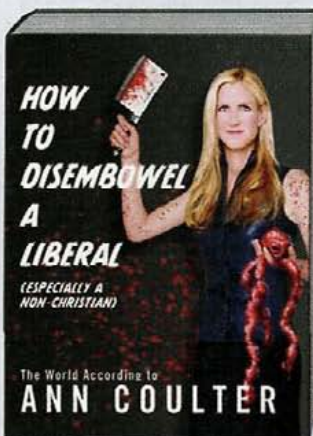
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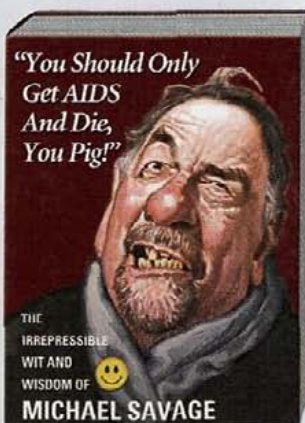
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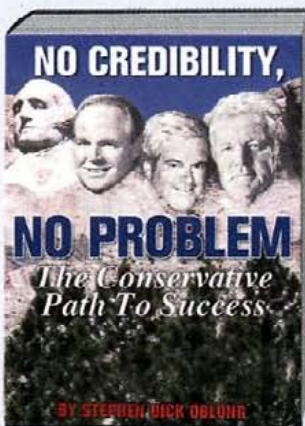
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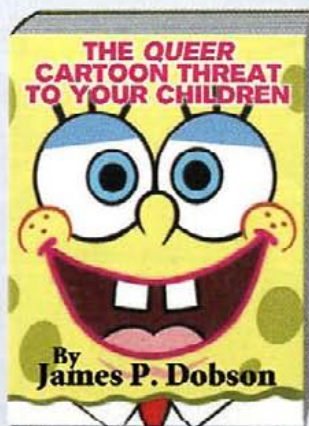
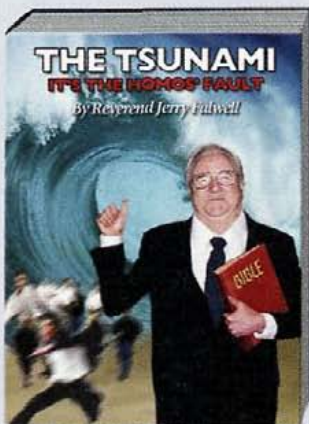
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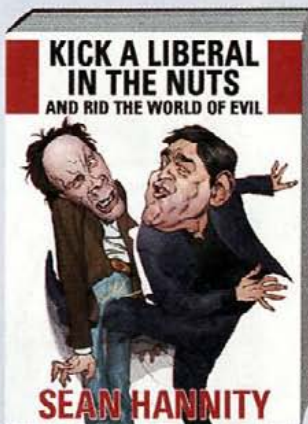
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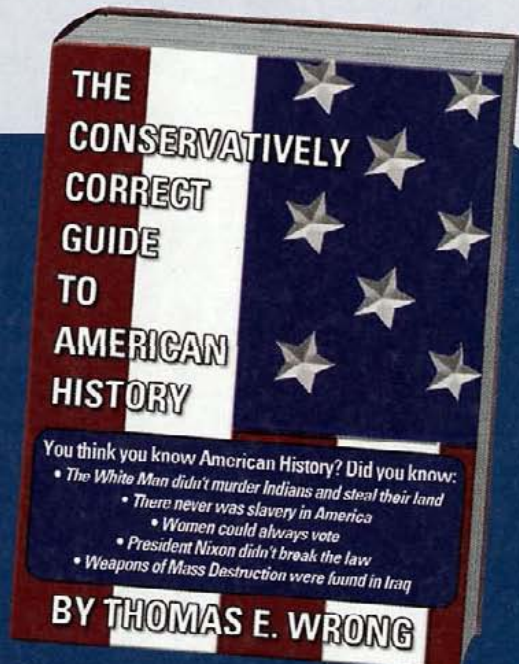
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The background of the cover features a dramatic scene with two main characters in the foreground. On the left, a young man with teal hair, wearing a blue tunic and a black cape, holds a sword. On the right, a young woman with long teal hair, wearing a red and white dress, also holds a sword. In the background, a large, skeletal, dragon-like creature is visible on the left, and a large, glowing, stone-like structure is on the right. The overall color palette is dominated by warm, fiery tones of orange, yellow, and red, with the teal of the characters' hair providing a contrast.

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Prince Ephraim, who has the potential to become incredibly powerful, is brother to Eirika and heir to the Renais throne.



Prince Ephraim

Wanting nothing more than to be warrior and not a ruler, he'd rather wear a helmet than a crown.

But with his father slain and his kingdom reduced to ruin, will the Prince have to exchange his lance for a scepter?

And while he cares for his sister more than any other person, can he also rely on the knights of his army...

...or is there a traitor in their midst?



Princess Eirika



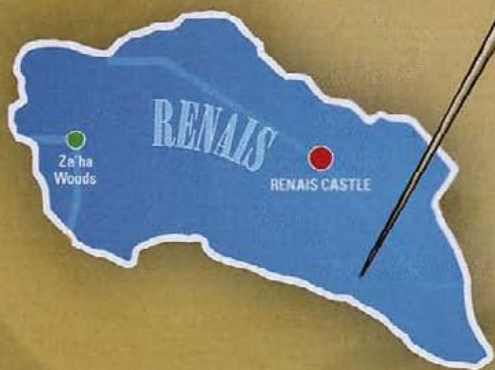
CHARACTER NOTES:

A member of the Renais royal family, the elegant Princess Eirika can become a talented sword-wielder and well-rounded protector.

Before war reached the walls of her kingdom, she studied diplomacy, becoming a confident and compassionate stateswoman.

But after her father died to ensure her escape from the invasion, will the Princess have to forget political strategy and instead remember the ways of the sword?

Or will she have to rely on her intuitive skills more than ever if she hopes to flush out a hidden foe?



CHARACTER NOTES:

Hailing from Jehanna, Joshua's speed and skill with the sword could make him a valuable asset to your party.



Joshua

This mysterious swordfighter lives to fight and loves games of chance, letting fate decide his next course of action.

The Prince and Princess will need his help to free their people, but can they place the future of their kingdom in the flip of a coin?

And can they trust a mercenary who hides a stunning secret?



L'Arachel



CHARACTER NOTES:

Traveling from Rausten, L'Arachel could be a powerful addition to your group, but she may appear several times before officially joining.

Accompanied by two servants, L'Arachel feels she has been given the divine task of hunting and destroying the monsters that plague the lands.

Who is she, and why is she appalled that local citizens are not singing songs of her great deeds?

And can the Prince and Princess depend upon her if she continually arrives too late to help their party in battle?



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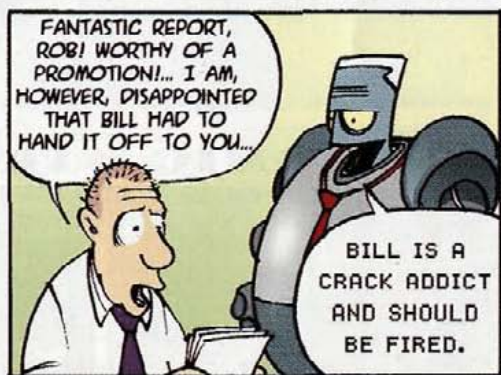
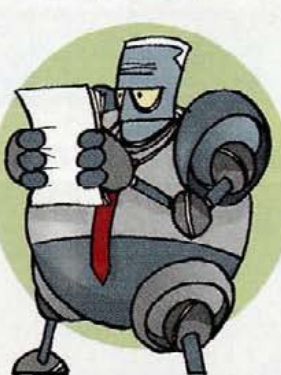
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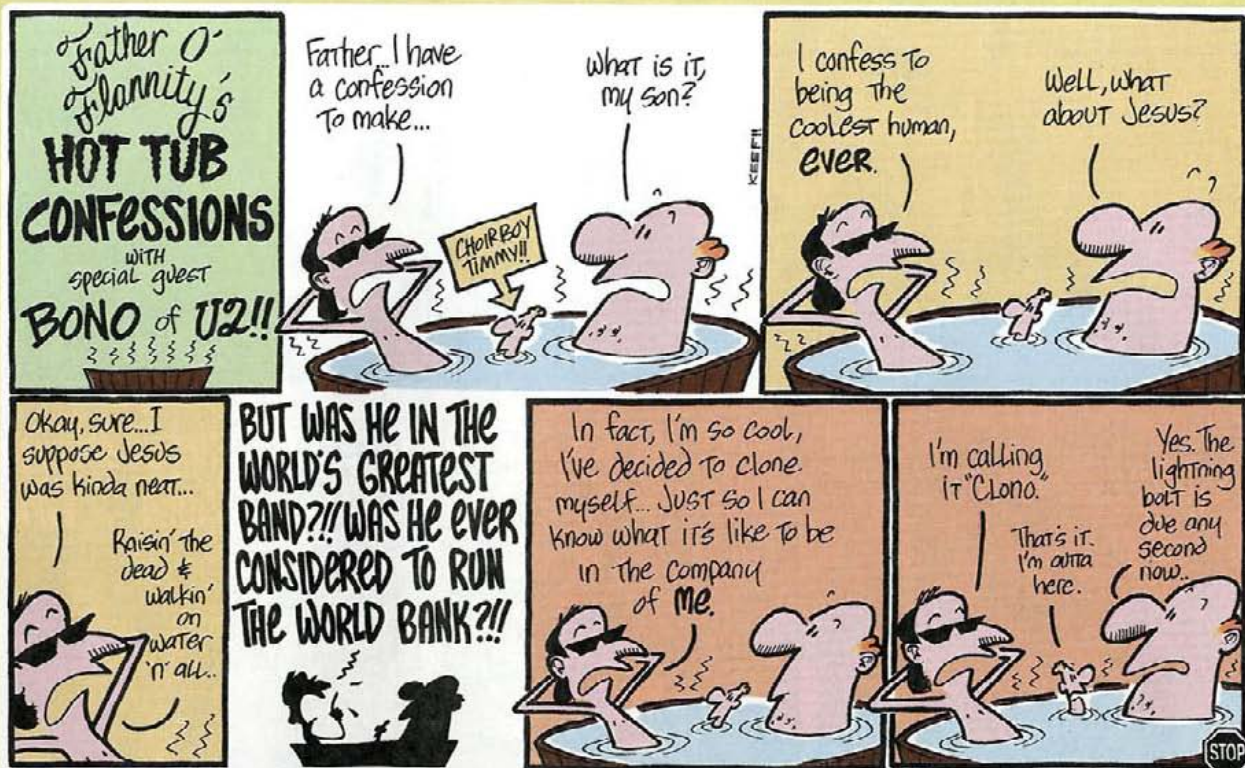
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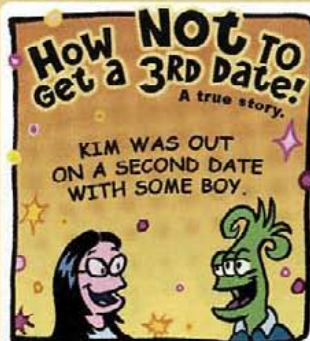
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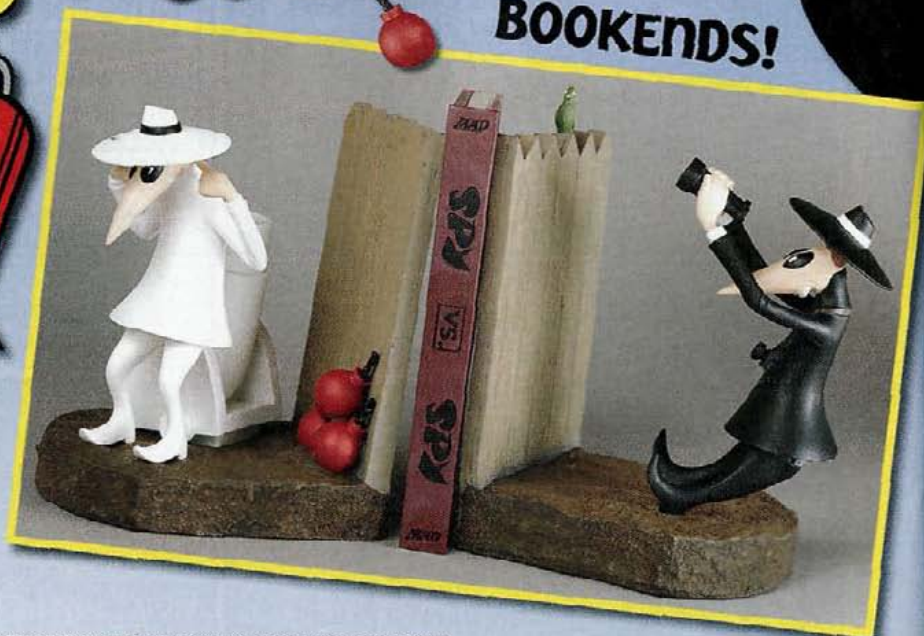
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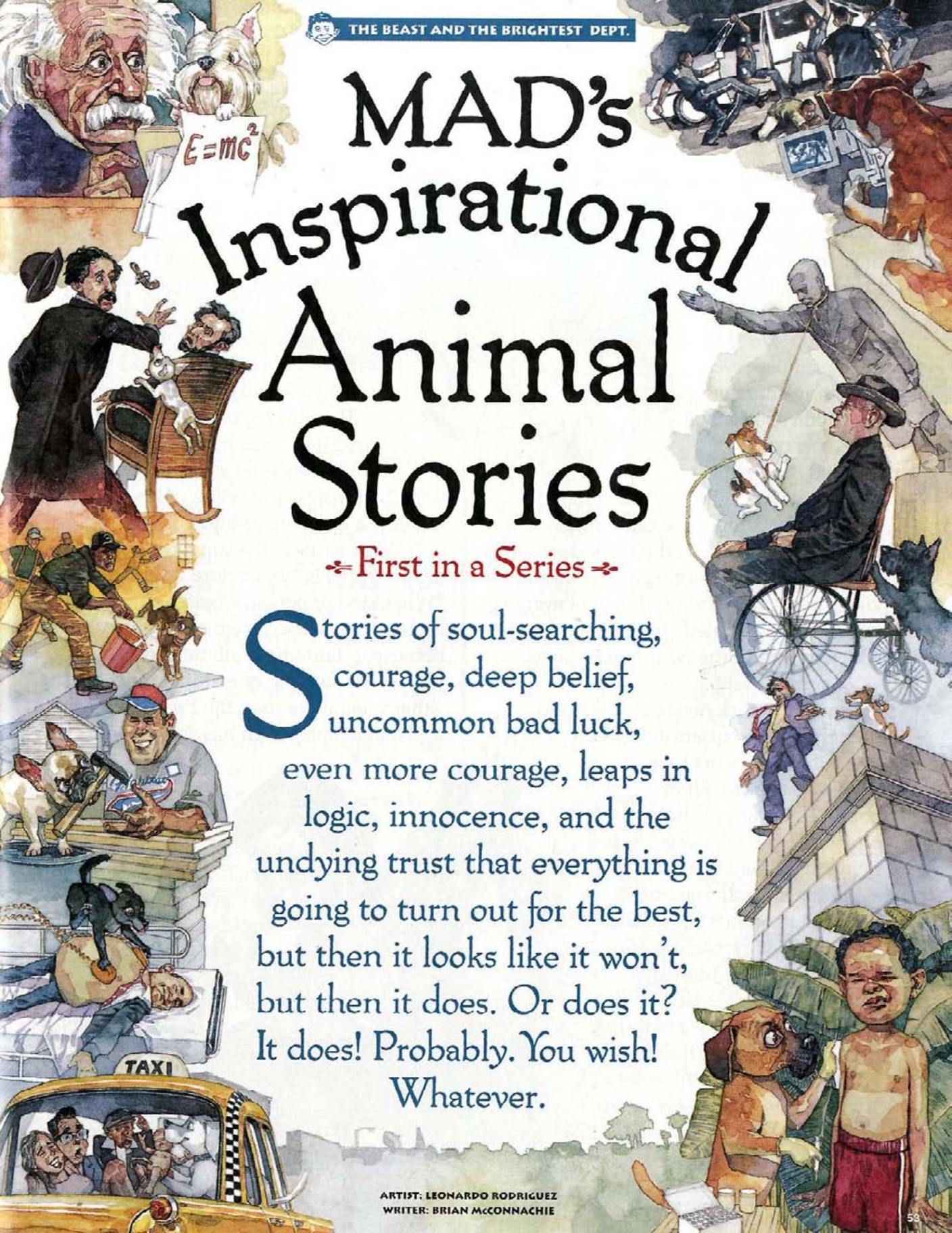


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The Special Puppy

Pointing to a lonely-looking puppy shivering in the corner of the cage, I began to ask, "What about that one?" as I looked up into Dad's milky, sightless eyes, forgetting entirely he couldn't see which dog I meant.



It had been almost a week since the lightning struck the top of Dad's head and came out his eyes and mouth, blinding him and burning his tongue to a crisp, before shooting across the yard, killing our dog, Sparky, and then blowing up our recently relocated 500-gallon oil tank, which in turn burned our house down.

"...sorry," I said.

I could just kick myself for being so thoughtless and insensitive. But it was still hard for me to get used to Dad's condition because he was not the type of person who was going to let the loss of his sight, speech and some of his brain functions keep him from resuming his active life as an air traffic controller and part-time blackjack dealer.

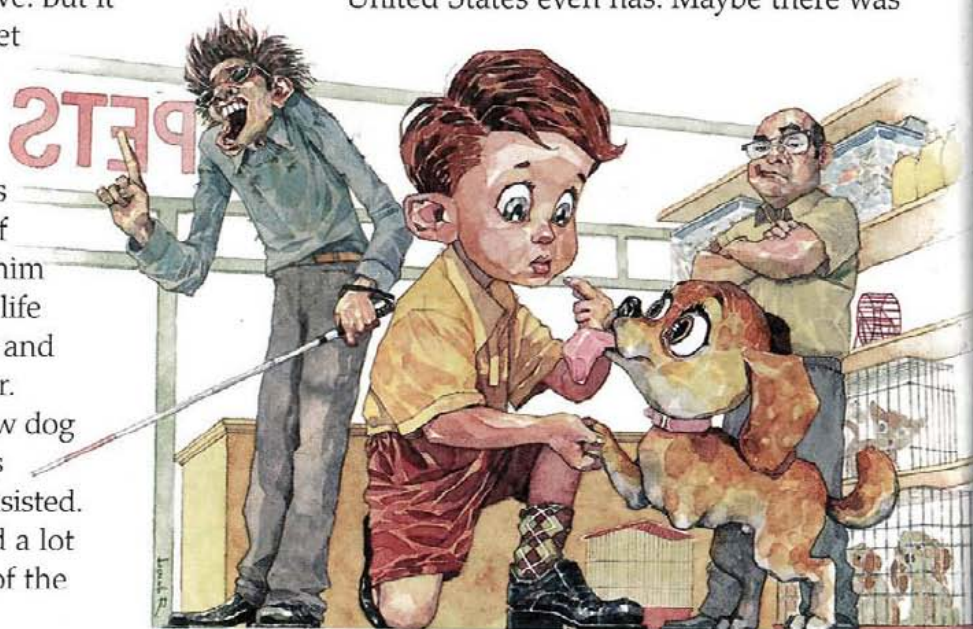
He insisted we get a new dog right away. At least that's what I'm pretty sure he insisted. It was hard to understand a lot of what he said because of the condition of his tongue.

Well, what's left of it.

When the kennel attendant picked up the puppy I had pointed to, I couldn't help but notice it only had three legs; two in the front and one in the rear. Perhaps seeing some disappointment on my face, the attendant immediately presented me with a different puppy. This one had two legs in the back and one in the front.

Then Dad spoke. "Gaavaaga Gogg-ah," which I understood to mean, "Times-a-waslin'. Let's get a-going," a favorite expression of his. So I had to make a decision, pronto.

I started to ask, "Do you have any four-legged puppies," but before I did, I thought, "What kind of person would I grow up into if I rejected this sad, frightened puppy simply because it didn't have all the legs it could?" It was only missing one. It had three, and that's one more than the President of the United States even has. Maybe there was





a good life lesson that this three-legged puppy was going to teach us, but I wasn't going to find that out unless we took him home to live with us.

And by "home," I mean our temporary home, which was a cargo container under the fright trestle, until our new real home could be rebuilt, as soon as we could understand where Dad put the insurance policy that we hoped wasn't lost in the fire and it covered something called, "Acts of God."

Since I'm too young to drive and Dad can't see, we worked out a special buddy system. He'd get behind the wheel, I'd stand behind him and tap his left arm to turn left and right arm to turn right. I'd push his head forward to go faster and pull it back to go slower.

Skipper, the new name of our very special dog, rode up in the front with Dad. We were driving along when I started to tap Dad on the left. But before I could, Skipper began tapping him on the right with his one front leg and Dad swerved right.

As it turns out, Skipper probably saved us from who knows what kind of awful accident that could

have been waiting to happen down that seemingly quiet street.

The accident we did have wasn't all that serious, though I did lose my left leg from the knee down.

They brought Dad to visit me right after the amputation.

"Vaagaga Ugggh," he said, as he felt around on the bed to give my good leg a pat, which I had the feeling meant: "Now you and the dog have four legs between you."

And then Skipper barked in happy agreement, as if to say, "And everybody has a leg to stand on."

Amen to that!

— Danny Evans, age 11





Parents often say "Do as I say, not as I do." And when we hear that, we often say, "You're full of crap!" How come parents get to tell you one thing and do the other? It's unfair! It's unjust! And unfortunately, it's a case of...

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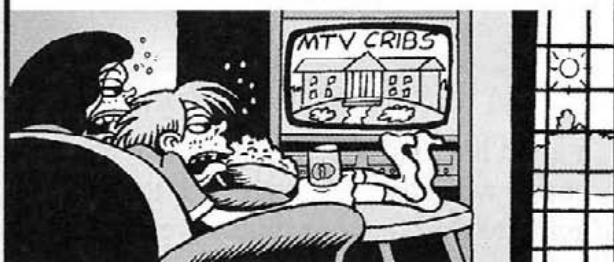
...should look your age!

YOUR PARENTS...



...believe one is only as old as one feels.

YOU...



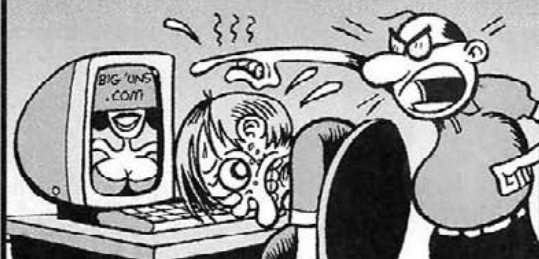
...are wasting away in front of the TV set when you should be outside getting some fresh air!

YOUR PARENTS...



...are relaxing the brain with a little downtime in front of the tube.

YOU...



...have a dirty, disgusting, filthy mind!

YOUR PARENTS...



...enjoy adult entertainment.

YOU...



...are going to get yourself killed if you keep up that dangerous behavior!

YOUR PARENTS...

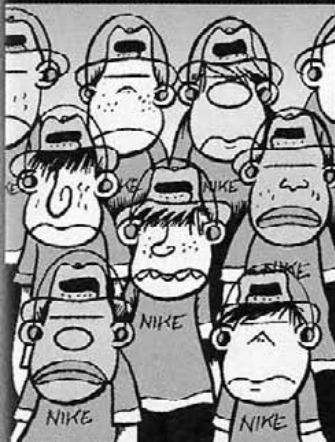


...haven't had any trouble so far, so why quit now?

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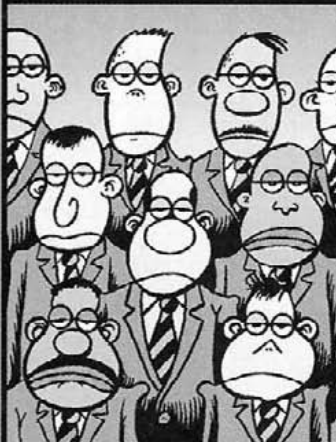


YOU...



...give in to peer pressure!

YOUR PARENTS...



...select proper business attire.

YOU...



...don't know how to budget your time!

YOUR PARENTS...



...multi-task.

YOU...



...need to learn that sometimes in life you have to make due with what you have!

YOUR PARENTS...



...might have a few credit issues, but it's nothing another mortgage refinancing can't solve.

YOU...



...need to learn that when you make a commitment to another, you stick with it!

YOUR PARENTS...



...just couldn't make it work anymore.



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Look, pal, I may have only boxed against fictional characters in the movies...but they were the toughest fictional characters around!

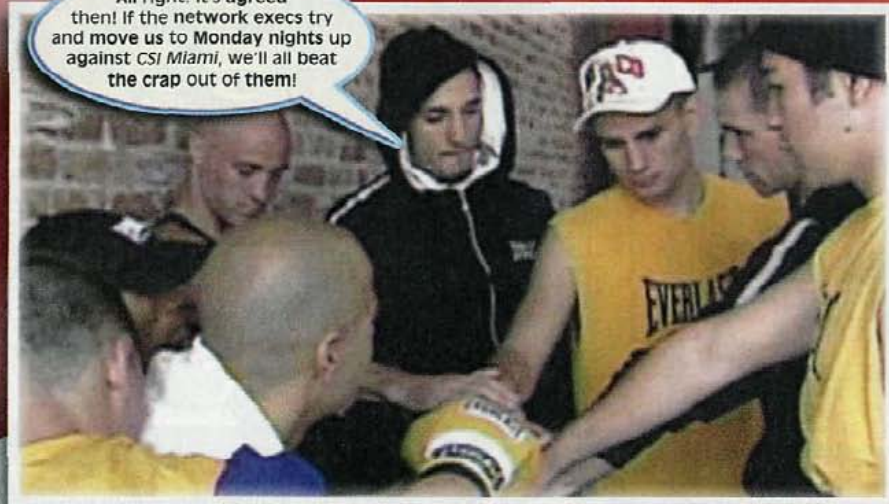


"Til death do us part"? Dream on! I'm staying with him till he either makes Mike Tyson money or gets Mike Tyson crazy — then I'm gone!




WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

All right! It's agreed then! If the network execs try and move us to Monday nights up against *CSI Miami*, we'll all beat the crap out of them!




My worst boxing-related injury? That would have to be breaking this fingernail signing all the contracts to make *Rocky IV*!






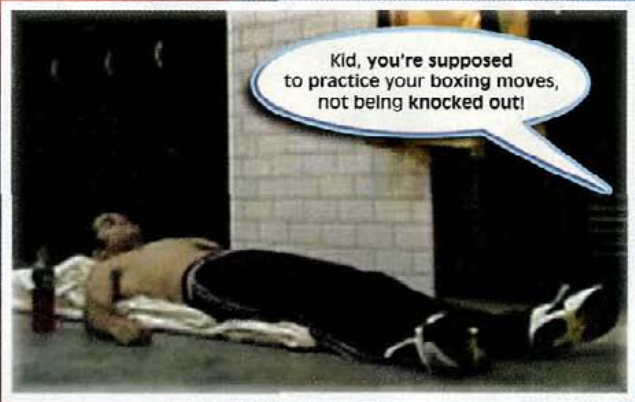
Geez, I can't believe I actually pulled this thing off! Now, maybe I can con some network into doing a reality show based on *Rambo*, too!




Daddy, you're such an A-hole! I told you to quit dropping your left and to watch out for that guy's Uppercut and Jab combination!



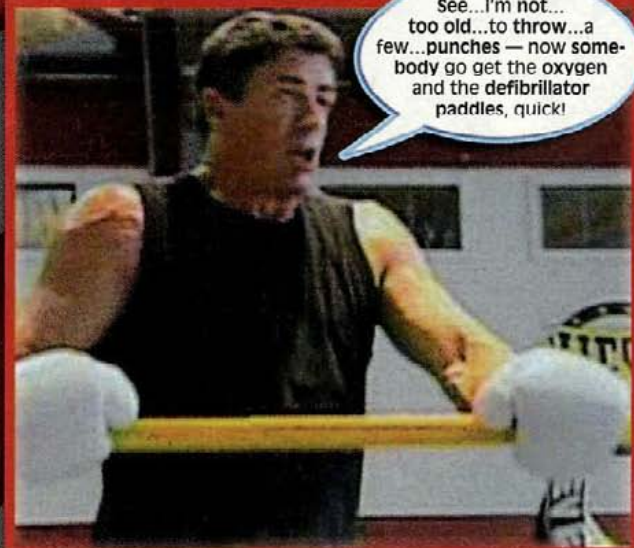
"Challenge" my ass! Why can't Sugar Ray just call AAA for a tow like everybody else whose ride breaks down?



Kid, you're supposed to practice your boxing moves, not being knocked out!



...and in this corner... the Toyota logo, for which they paid a world's record placement fee to the producers!



See...I'm not... too old...to throw...a few...punches — now somebody go get the oxygen and the defibrillator paddles, quick!



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